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H.R. No. 301

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Donald D. and Billie V. Whitefield will commemorate
2 a momentous event in their lives when they celebrate their 60th
3 wedding anniversary on November 13, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, This devoted couple were married in 1943, three
5 months after meeting at the Fannin Street USO; their enduring union
6 has been blessed with a daughter, Patricia Ann and her husband
7 Ronald Schwertner, and a son, William Harry Whitefield and his
8 wife, Janeal; in addition, Mr. and Mrs. Whitefield are the proud
9 grandparents of seven grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, A cadet at Ellington Field when he met his
11 wife-to-be, Mr. Whitefield received his wings and served during
12 World War II as navigator on a B-24 Liberator; he and his crew
13 received the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, two
14 Distinguished Flying Crosses, the ETO Ribbon with four battle
15 stars, and the French Croix de Guerre with palm during their
16 service, which included 30 missions over Germany; Mr. Whitefield
17 was recalled for the Korean Conflict, and in 1955 he resigned his
18 commission as captain; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Whitefield is the founder and former president
20 of Whitefield Plastics Corporation, and over the years he has made
21 many significant contributions to his community; he worked with the
22 Boy Scouts, served as civic club president, ran for public office,
23 and played as drum major for Houston Highlander Bagpipe Band; and

24 WHEREAS, Also deeply involved in her community,

1 Mrs. Whitefield has volunteered with the Girl Scouts and has served
2 as the first female chairperson of the administrative board at
3 St. Matthews United Methodist Church; a devoted Republican Party
4 activist, she has worked tirelessly as secretary of the party,
5 senatorial district chairperson, election judge, and elector and
6 participated in Heritage and the Republican Women's Club; and

7 WHEREAS, For half a century, Mr. and Mrs. Whitefield have
8 shared a special bond of love, filling each other's lives with many
9 happy times and cherished family memories, and it is truly a
10 privilege to honor them at this time; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Donald and
13 Billie Whitefield on the joyous occasion of their 60th wedding
14 anniversary and extend to them best wishes for continued happiness;
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Whitefield as an expression of high regard
18 by the Texas House of Representatives.